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IN ORDER ASSIST DEPART SELECT MEMBERS OF FACT-FINDING TEAM
TO MOZAMBIQUE, WE SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RECOMMEN-
DATIONS (SUPPLEMENTING SUGGESTIONS MADE BY CONSUL GENERAL
WALKER DURING RECENT CONSULTATION WASHINGTON):

1. COMPOSITION OF TEAM SHOULD EMPHASIZE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
(RATHER THAN PURELY PROGRAM) IN AT LEAST HALF OF FOLLOWING
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AREAS:

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A. AGRICULTURE -- LIVESTOCK AND VETERINARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

B. HEALTH -- PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (EPIDEMIOLOGY, TROPICAL DISEASES, RURAL HEALTH) AND TRAINING.

C. EDUCATION -- TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. WHILE CONGRESS HAS EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN PROVIDING AID FOR GENERAL EDUCATION, IT APPEARS CLEAR FRELIMO IS NOT INTERESTED IN THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.

D. MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION.

E. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION.

F. WATER SUPPLY.

2. TEAM LEADER OR MEMBERS NEED NOT SPEAK PORTUGUESE. MOST FRELIMO LEADERS SPEAK ENGLISH WELL; INTERPRETERS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT.

3. WE DOUBT UTILITY OF HAVING MORE THAN ONE ECONOMIST OR PROGRAM OFFICER TYPE SEEKING GENERAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON MOZAMBIQUE (THIS COULD BE TEAM LEADER). CONGEN BELIEVES IT HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED AS MUCH GENERAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION AS IS READILY AVAILABLE FROM INFORMED SOURCES. WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF EXIMBANK REP; HOWEVER, BELIEVE NO MORE THAN 5-6 TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD BE IN COUNTRY AT ANY ONE TIME. WHILE IN COUNTRY, TEAM EXPERTS NEED NOT STICK TOGETHER WHOLE TIME.

4. SINCE FRELIMO HAS MADE IT CLEAR IT DISTRUSTS BRAZILIANS, RECOMMEND AGAINST TEAM EXPLORING WAYS OF PROVIDING JOINT BRAZIL-US ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. NO OBJECTION TO TEAM BEING HEADED BY AID OFFICER WITH EXPERIENCE IN BRAZIL PROVIDED HE STAYS AWAY FROM BRAZILIAN THEME WHILE HERE.

5. SCOPE OF WORK OF TEAM SHOULD FOCUS PRIMARILY ON OBTAINING USEFUL INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS AND NEEDS OF INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE AND AREAS OF GREATEST PRIORITY FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW GOVERNMENT WHERE U.S. MIGHT HELP.

6. IN VIEW PLETHORA OF FOREIGN VISITORS DEMANDING ATTENTIGN OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT LEADERS, WE ONCE AGAIN URGE DEPARTMENT INFORM US OF NAMES, TECHNICAL COMPOSITION, AND PROPOSED DATES VISIT OF TEAM MEMBERS, SO THAT WE MAY OBTAIN FORMAL APPROVAL FOR TEAM AND TIMING OF VISIT.
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